



Docket# 42524-1200

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

William J. Thompson

Application No.: 10/622,039

Filed: July 17, 2003

For: HINGED SPLIT NUT

Examiner: Neill R. Wilson

Group Art Unit: 3679

June 9, 2004

Irvine, CA 92614

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 11, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

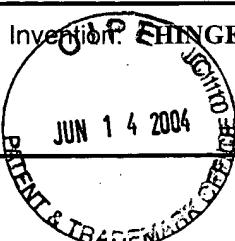
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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3679Invention: **HINGED SPLIT NUT**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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